

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

BENJAMIN WELLS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CV 11-0272 WJ/WPL

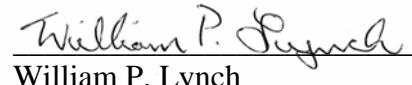
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SEAL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

This matter is before me on the Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Seal Administrative Record. (Doc. 16.) The Commissioner of the Social Security Administration electronically filed the Administrative Record ("AR") in this matter. (Docs. 14 & 15.) Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 5.2 provides that "[u]nless the court orders otherwise," remote electronic access to an AR shall be restricted to the parties, their attorneys, and the Court, but any other person may access the AR electronically at the courthouse. In compliance with Rule 5.2, remote access to this AR has been restricted to the Court and case participants, but electronic access to the AR is available to all via public terminals at the courthouse.

Because the AR contains personal information including but not limited to the Plaintiff's social security number, date of birth, and health related information, I find it necessary to limit access to the AR to the Court and case participants only. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motion (Doc. 16) is granted and that the AR be sealed.



William P. Lynch
United States Magistrate Judge